

THE NEW INDEX TO THE FIRST FIFTY VOLUMES OF RHODORA¹—For several years the manuscript of an exhaustive index to volumes one through fifty of *Rhodora* has been essentially ready for publication. The cost of producing it in a form following the high printing standards of *RHODORA* seemed prohibitive. However, the Council of the New England Botanical Club, feeling that this index was of considerable importance to botanists generally, have provided a considerable subsidy to insure its publication. The Index, with the high quality printing maintained, is now being offered for sale at a price below the cost of production.

The paper-bound book consists of 405 double column pages divided into two parts. Part I is an index to plant names and is complete in itself. As a guide to pertinent literature concerning each of the plants mentioned in *RHODORA*, this part of the book should be exceedingly valuable. It not only guides the user to the places where the plant is mentioned in *RHODORA*, but to a variety of additional outside references given in the *Journal* at these locations. This feature of the Index should make it valuable as a reference book even if a set of *Rhodora* is not at hand. There are 273 pages in Part I.

Part II, consisting of pages 274–405, starts the alphabet anew and is an index to authors and titles. This part contains the material usually found in a journal index. However, titles appear both independently and under the author or authors. Each title is indexed by every principal word in the title. Under each author, the titles are given chronologically. Thus, for some who have published regularly in *Rhodora*, the entries approach a complete bibliography.

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